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## Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to Elias Baker, 1854 September 30

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universal complaint. Travelling with  
it is worse than with if that be  
possible. It would surprise me if  
you escaped without some mischief  
& good packing will not prevent  
damages. I gave explicit & partic-  
ular directions on the subject  
and I fear that if any thing is  
injured you will have to make  
the most of it. My presence at  
the opening will not change  
the matter, nor can I do any  
thing further in the premises - If  
it be possible for me to get  
up to you I will go & be delighted  
to do so, but if I do not visit  
you or soon as you might expect  
just it down to want of ability  
& not want of desire on my part  
for I have been anxious to do so for  
the last two months & confidently  
hoped to do so every succeeding  
week. All join in love to all

Yours affectionately

Wm. A. C. C. C.

Thos. S. C. C.

Bladenburg 7<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> / 54

My dear Sir

I did not answer your  
last letter simply because I was un-  
able to sit at the desk long enough  
to write a letter however short.  
Since I saw you last I have  
been a great sufferer. Whether  
the heat and dryness of the past  
summer has influenced my health  
I can not say, but with cool  
weather I am improving & hope  
to get stronger. I had hoped to  
visit you at least with Culham  
but I have been so confined  
to the house & my place is in  
such bad condition for the  
want of various fixing, about  
the premises that what little  
energy I have I must give to  
directing a carpenter, who has

commenced putting some of my  
buildings in order for the  
winter. I had so much to  
do and my farming operations  
during the last summer have  
been so miserable that I am  
quite down in the mouth.  
I am almost ashamed to say that  
I fear I shall never have  
providence sufficient to carry me  
through the winter & of you  
know my stock is small.

This doubtless has been partially  
produced by the long drought  
which still continues upon  
us. From the 4<sup>th</sup> of June up  
to the 10<sup>th</sup> of September we had  
not enough rain to lay the  
dust & then we had a pretty  
good season which made  
every thing look green for  
a while but since that

period there has not been one  
single drop of rain. The result  
is that the ground is too hard  
to plough & the fall crops are  
doing very badly by the way. I  
have put my self to my doings -

Now as to your furniture I wish  
it very in my power to say that  
I wish to go to you & when these  
questions I must leave for the  
moment. Mrs Colburn & Miss  
Connelin are both still with us  
Colburn is getting quite strong &  
other things and progressing so  
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My own experience is that  
there is no probability of avoiding  
heaveage when goods are hauled  
to the operating about ships &  
with roads it would appear  
that each operation received  
a premium for heaving every  
thing in his hands & this is a